

## EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council held in Earswick Village Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>W Gambold M Leach P Anderson S Wiseman</b>
	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>S Millson</b>

**Members of the Public Present:** - I Jones, D Jones.

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

None.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Wiseman declared a personal and prejudicial interest on agenda item 12.

#### **3. Minutes of Previous Meetings.**

Parish Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Councillors agreed the minutes as a true and accurate record.

#### **4. Members of the Public.**

Mrs Jones inquired on the progress of the Ditch.

Mr Jones asked when the fence around the Pond would be completed.

#### **5. Clerks Report**

**a.** The ongoing action tracker was reviewed and it was noted that:-

**i.** The Tennis courts would be power washed in early spring. **Action PA.**

**ii.** The mole problem would be discussed in January.

**iii.** The signs for the Village Hall are being made and should be delivered shortly.

**iv.** The fence around the pond is to be moved into the correct position when the weather has improved (the ground is too wet at the moment) and then an estimate will be given to finish the fencing.

**v.** The cracks in the concrete around the manhole would be investigated in the spring  
The Clerk also reported that Councillor Norman had resigned due to health and family problems. The clerk has placed notices on the boards and City of York Council will report back with further information when the period of notice has expired.

**b.** The following pre authorised payments have been made since the last meeting;-  
Clerks salary for November.

£157.00 to CYC for annual membership.

£13.79 to Yorkshire Water.

£450.00 to Parish Council.net.

The councillors authorised the following payments:-

£4.68 S Millson, Stamps.

£557.75 to Andy Hill work on the shrubberies.

£95.00 to SLCC for annual membership.

£60.00 to Allianz for increase in Fidelity Insurance.

£7495.00 to Wrights of Crockey Hill (VAT to be held back until fence completed)

Credits have been received from:-  
Yorventure for £7495.00  
HM Courts compensation payment for damage to the bus shelter £1.32.

#### **6. Planning Applications**

09/01956/OUT Fossbank Boarding Kennels to provide three dwellings was dealt with by the clerk using delegated powers, there was no objection.  
09/02033FUL 5 Lock House Lane to replace one garage door with a window and wall was dealt with by the clerk using delegated powers, there was no objection.  
09/01864 FUL 24 Earswick Chase to install velux windows in the roof was dealt with by the clerk using delegated powers, there was no objection.

#### **7. Village Hall Shrubberies.**

Councillors discussed the problem of one of the contractors (Odd Job) being unable to work his full quota of hours this year due to the fact that all the shrubs had been pruned by another contractor. Councillors proposed to offer Oddjob 3 hour's alternative work to compensate and to give the one year contract proposed at the last meeting to Andy Hill excluding the shrubberies at the Village Hall. **Action SM**

#### **8. Children's Play Equipment.**

Councillors had not received the catalogues for the new equipment and decided to delay any decision until January. **Action BG**

#### **9. Precept 2010/11**

Councillors Anderson and Leach will meet with the clerk to propose the budget and will report back in January. **Action PA, ML, SM**

#### **10. Interim Pay Increase**

Councillors agreed to increase the clerk's salary and holiday entitlement in line with the NALC Guidance and backdate the increase to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. A payment of £43.68 will be made by cheque in March to reflect the annual increase and the standing order will be amended in April 2010. **Action SM**

#### **11. Management of Records Policy**

Councillors agreed to accept the proposed Management of Records Policy. A copy will be on the website. **Action PA**

#### **12. River Access Land Boundary Issue**

Councillors discussed the boundary issue where a resident of Shilton Garth had erected a fence inside the Parish Council boundary. They looked at information and maps and came to the conclusion that the fence was on Parish Council land. The Councillors instructed the clerk to write to the resident instructing them to remove the fence and replant part of the hedge which has been removed. **Action ML, SM**

#### **13. Path By the River Foss**

Councillors were informed that a meeting had been held with Richard Hoyland from CYC. He proposed to resurface the path by the River Foss and up to the Village Hall and Lock House Lane car park on the understanding that the Parish Council would ensure that the grass which encroaches the path will be cut back annually. Councillors agreed this proposal. **Action SM**

#### **14. Upkeep of the Ditch**

Councillors looked at the quotes they had received to remove the culverts and decided to ask M Harland for a further quote to include cutting back the trees and

cleaning out the ditch. A decision would be made at the next meeting. The clerk was also asked to obtain quotes to install land drains to drain the land in the enclosed Public Open Space and Northlands. **Action SM**

**15. Items for Information/next agenda**

Items for agenda include;- play equipment, precept, tennis courts cleaning, newsletter.

The Ward Councillor informed the meeting that the proposed 40mph speed restriction on Strensall Road had been approved.

Councillors requested that the grit bins were filled and that further bins might be required in the village. **Action SM**

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m

Signed.....

Date.....

Sarah Millson  
Parish Clerk